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19 March 1964

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: The Question of Releasing Estimates to Friendly
States

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1. The Director of Central Intelligence has approved the attached memorandum from the Chairman, Board of National Estimates for circulation to the USIB.

2. The attachment will be scheduled for discussion by the Board at an early meeting.

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Executive Secretary

Attachment

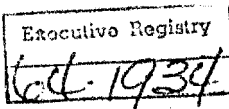
*Noted, as amended
(USIB-M-318, 2 April 1964,
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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1. The following paragraphs contain our thoughts on the subject, and our recommendations in Section B.

A. General Considerations and Precedents

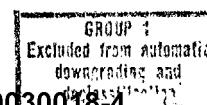
2. In a number of cases in the past, it has been decided that US national interests would be served by passing National Intelligence Estimates to certain foreign countries [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] While no formula for determining net advantage can be laid down in advance, and each case must be considered on its merits, we think it likely that certain NIE's could profitably be passed to certain foreign countries somewhat more frequently than has been the case heretofore. The content of many NIE's cannot be considered sensitive, apart from their attribution to the USIB; some, indeed, could be unclassified so far as intelligence sources and methods or secrecy of content are concerned.

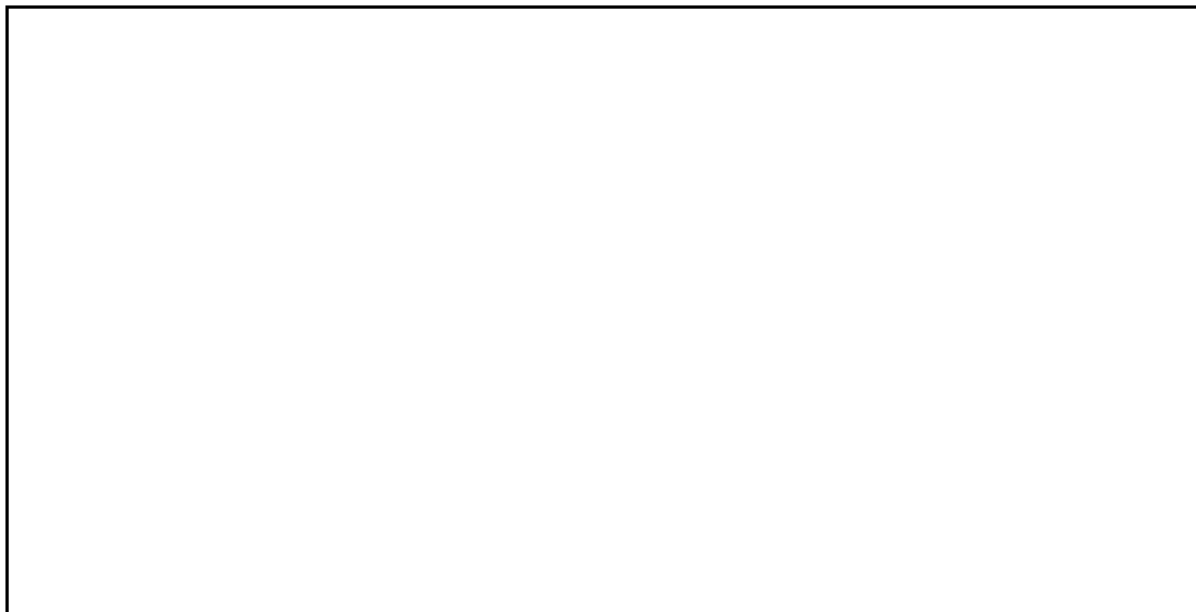
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B. Recommendation: We recommend that consideration be given *by USIB* to occasional release of NIE's to

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subject to the following criteria and procedures.

4. Criteria for Release



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B. Over and above the foregoing general rule,
release may be authorized where the USIB agrees that:

1. The subject matter of the estimate is of
vital concern to the friendly state in question, e.g.,

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2. Benefits to be derived from release would
not be outweighed by the risk of disclosure, to another state,
friendly or unfriendly, of content or the fact of release.

5. Procedures for Release

A. All USIB members would be free to recommend
release of any paper to any friendly government or service,
such recommendations to be accompanied by supporting statements
setting forth (a) how release of the estimate in question meets
the recommended criteria above, (b) what deletions or modifica-
tions in form or content should be made, in connection with

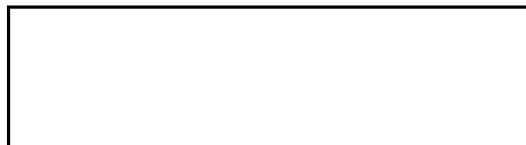
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the considerations in paragraph 2.c. above, and (c) the method by which it should be passed.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:



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SHERMAN KENT
Chairman

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Date 17 Jan '64

From Sherman Kent

To: The Director.

If you approve this document - I suggest it be circulated to VSI B members for discussion at an early VSI B meeting.

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